

CLAIMS:

1. A video recording apparatus (100) comprising
a first input (103) for receiving at least a first input signal of a first type;
a second input (105) for receiving at least a second input signal of a second
type different than the first type;

5 means (129) for operating in a first operating mode when no input signal is
detected on the second input (105); and

means (131) for operating in a second operating mode having different
functionality than the first operating mode when an input signal is detected on the second
input.

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2. A video recording apparatus (100) as claimed in claim 1 wherein the different
functionality comprises different video recording functionality.

15 3. A video recording apparatus (100) as claimed in claim 1 wherein the first and
second operating modes have different video editing functionality.

4. A video recording apparatus (100) as claimed in claim 1 wherein the second
operating mode is a video archiving mode.

20 5. A video recording apparatus (100) as claimed in claim 1 wherein the apparatus
has hardware limitations that cause a first functionality limitation on signals of the first type
and a second functionality limitation on signals of the second type and the functionality of
the first operating mode meets that of the first functionality limitation and the functionality of
the second operating mode meets that of the second functionality limitation.

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6. A video recording apparatus (100) as claimed in claim 5 wherein the hardware
limitation is a computational resource limitation.

7. A video recording apparatus (100) as claimed in claim 1 wherein the second type of input signal comprises additional information not present in the first type of input signal and the second mode comprises functionality using this additional information.

5 8. A video recording apparatus (100) as claimed in claim 1 wherein the different functionality comprises different input signal selection functionality.

9. A video recording apparatus (100) as claimed in claim 8 further comprising means for selecting (101) an input signal and wherein the first operation mode allows only 10 selection of an input signal associated with the first input (103).

10. A video recording apparatus (100) as claimed in claim 9 wherein the means for selecting (101) are operable to skip the input signals associated with the second input (105) when in the first operating mode.

15 11. A video recording apparatus (100) as claimed in claim 10 wherein the selection means (101) comprises a selection carousel which in the first operation mode includes only input signals associated with the first input (103).

20 12. A video recording apparatus (100) as claimed in claim 8 wherein the selection means (101) is operable to only select the second input signal when in the second mode.

13. A video recording apparatus (100) as claimed in claim 1 wherein the first type of input signal is an analogue type of input signal and the second type of input signal is a 25 digital type of input signal.

14. A video recording apparatus (100) as claimed in claim 13 wherein the second type of signal is a digital video (DV) signal.

30 15. A method of operation for a video recording apparatus (100) having a first input (103) for receiving at least a first input signal of a first type and a second input (105) for receiving at least a second input signal of a second type different than the first type; the method comprising the steps of:

operating in a first operating mode when no input signal is detected on the second input; and

operating in a second operating mode having different functionality than the first operating mode when an input signal is detected on the second input.

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16. A computer program enabling the carrying out of a method according to claim 15.
17. A record carrier comprising a computer program as claimed in claim 16.